



## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

**DATE: APRIL 12, 2016**  
**TIME: 7:00 PM** or as soon thereafter as business permits  
**LOCATION: COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL**  
**150 CITY PARK WAY**

A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD TO CONSIDER PROPOSED INCREASES TO  
WATER SERVICE CHARGES AS FURTHER DESCRIBED BELOW

QUESTIONS REGARDING THE PROPOSED RATES MAY BE DIRECTED TO  
PUBLIC WORKS ENGINEERING 925 516-5420

A public hearing by the City of Brentwood City Council will be held on Tuesday, April 12, 2016 at 7:00 p.m., at City Hall, City Council Chamber, 150 City Park Way, Brentwood, California, regarding **proposed increases to monthly water rates**. During the public hearing, the City Council shall hear and consider all objections, if any, to the proposed water rates. This notice is being sent to all property owners and utility customers who currently receive water service from the City of Brentwood (City). The proposed rates are outlined in the charts included in this notice and, if approved, would become **effective June 1, 2016**.

California is in the fourth year of a declared Drought State of Emergency. Mandatory reductions in water usage have been extended by the State through October 2016. City water customers have responded to the drought with reduced water usage, and this reduction has resulted in reduced revenue, which in addition to water conservation expenses, has negatively impacted the City's water fund. The City has conducted a cost of service study to review and address these impacts in order to determine appropriate rate adjustments to keep the water system sustainable.

The study proposes rates based upon the revenues needed to meet projected operating expenses for the **two-year period from June 2016 through June 2018**. These operating expenses include the cost of labor and equipment needed to provide water service, the cost to maintain and replace infrastructure, and the cost to maintain financial reserves and meet debt obligations. Proposed revenue adjustments include a **6% increase for each Fiscal Year 2016/17 and 2017/18, over the 3% increase previously approved November 12, 2013** (FY 2013-2018 Rate Study). The study evaluated the City's cost of service and the proportionality of customer rates to be sure they are fair and based on the principle that customers should pay only the cost of their service. Water charges and revenue may be used by the City only to provide water services. If adopted, the proposed rate increases would become effective June 1, 2016. The rates may be further adjusted, as provided in the study, to accommodate increased expenses from outside sources, such as wholesale water purchases and electricity.

Property owners or utility customers may submit written protests against the proposed rate increases to the City of Brentwood before the close of the public comment portion of the public hearing on April 12, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. If written protests representing a majority of the parcels subject to the proposed rates are received, the proposed rates will not be imposed. **Only one protest will be counted per parcel**. A written protest must contain the protesting person's name and a description of the parcel or parcels (street address or assessor's parcel number will be a sufficient description) in which the person signing the protest has an interest and **must be signed by the property owner or customer**. Click here for [Complete protest submittal guidelines](#).

Protests may be submitted to:

Mail

City of Brentwood - Water Rate Protest  
City Clerk  
150 City Park Way  
Brentwood, CA 94513

E-mail

[webcityclerk@brentwoodca.gov](mailto:webcityclerk@brentwoodca.gov)

Facsimile

925 516-5441 Attn: City Clerk

## PROPOSED STANDARD WATER RATES

Water rates are comprised of a fixed (base) monthly charge in addition to a charge for the volume of water used.

	Current Rate July 1, 2015	PROPOSED RATES PER MONTH		
			June 1, 2016	July 1, 2017
<b>Monthly Base Rate</b>				
5/8" or 3/4" Meter	20.85		21.61	23.56
1" Meter	31.27		29.83	32.52
1.5" Meter	62.55		50.39	54.93
2" Meter	104.25		75.07	81.83
3" Meter	187.65		153.21	167.00
4" Meter	271.05		268.36	292.65
6" Meter	562.96		543.89	592.85
<b>Usage Rate</b>				
<b>Residential</b>				
Tier 1: Units 1-10	3.27	Tier 1: Units 1- 5	2.49	2.72
Tier 2: Units 11-20	3.89	Tier 2: Units 6-14	4.96	5.41
Tier 3: Units 21-30	4.66	Tier 3: Units 15-20	5.93	6.47
Tier 4: Units 31+	5.43	Tier 4: Units 21+	6.52	7.11
<b>Non-Residential</b>				
Tier 1: Units 1-10	3.27	Tier 1: Units 1-5	2.31	2.52
Tier 1: Units 11+	3.89	Tier 2: Units 6+	4.60	5.02
<b>Hydrant</b>				
All Units	3.89	All Units	6.04	6.59
<b>Non-Potable</b>				
All units	1.20	All Units	1.31	1.43

Unit=1,000 gallons

[Click Here for WATER RATE CALCULATOR](#)

SAMPLE MONTHLY RESIDENTIAL BILL IMPACT					
	Current Bill	PROPOSED BILL PER MONTH			
	July 1, 2015	June 1, 2016	<i>Difference</i>	July 1, 2017	<i>Difference</i>
<b>Water Usage</b>					
Low – 5 Units	47.62	42.28	-5.34	46.12	3.84
Average – 12 Units	71.75	77.00	5.25	83.99	6.99
High – 25 Units	126.17	155.10	28.93	169.18	14.08

\*These rates may be adjusted, as provided in the cost of service study and with notice to customers, to accommodate changes in the wholesale cost of water purchased by the City and inflation in the cost of electricity used to provide water service.

### PROPOSED DROUGHT SURCHARGE (When Applicable)

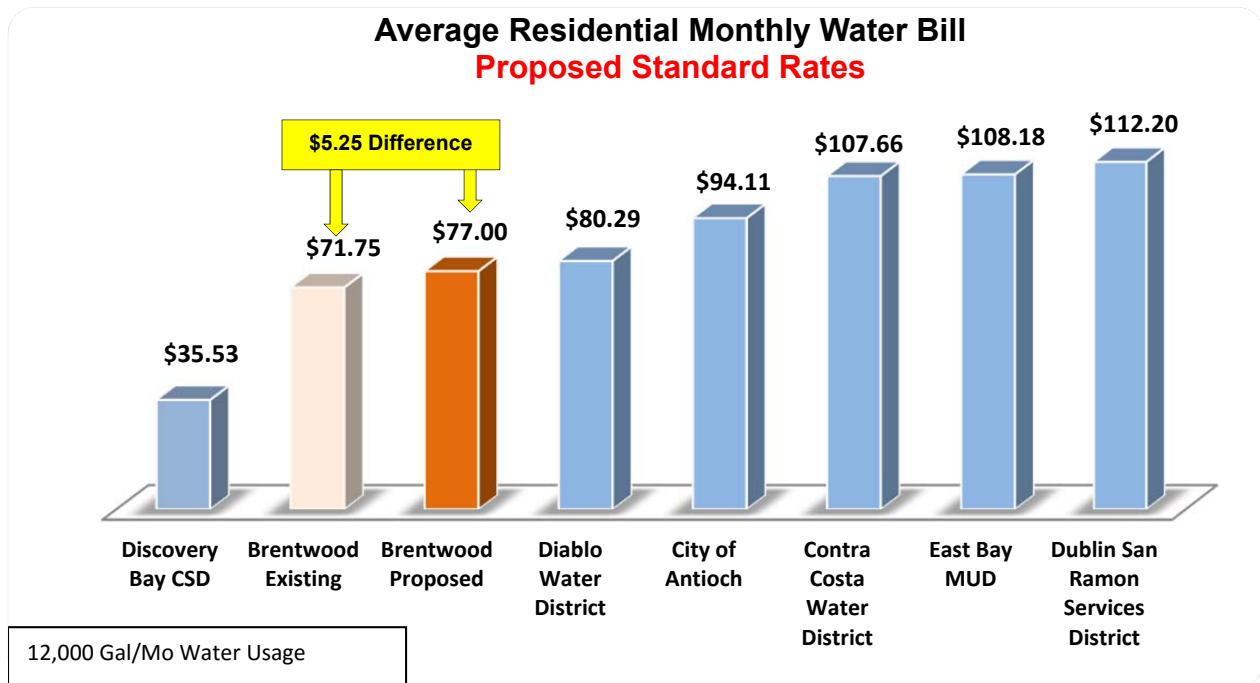
A Drought Surcharge may be imposed by the Brentwood City Council during times of a declared drought when the City Council has implemented a Stage 2, 3, or 4 water shortage. The Drought Surcharges correspond to increasingly severe stages of mandated conservation and reduced water usage. Drought Surcharges are charged on each unit of water used and are calculated to recover costs resulting from loss of revenue due to less water being used, funding of conservation programs such as landscape conversion incentives and the free Recycled Water Fill Station, among other drought-related customer service activities. The amount of the temporary Drought Surcharge for each Stage is based upon the City's projected revenue shortfall and cost increases associated with that Stage. A Drought Surcharge could only be implemented while there is a declared drought Stage, and the City Council would always retain the discretion not to implement a Drought Surcharge as well as the discretion to end a Drought Surcharge, even while a declared drought Stage continued, based upon projected water usage reductions, revenue losses, and expenses

	PROPOSED TEMPORARY DROUGHT SURCHARGE RATES PER UNIT	
	June 1, 2016	July 1, 2017
<b>All Customers</b>		
Stage 1 – no mandated conservation	-	-
Stage 2 – up to 20% mandated conservation	1.38	1.50
Stage 3 – up to 35% mandated conservation	2.32	2.53
Stage 4 – up to 50% mandated conservation	3.85	4.20

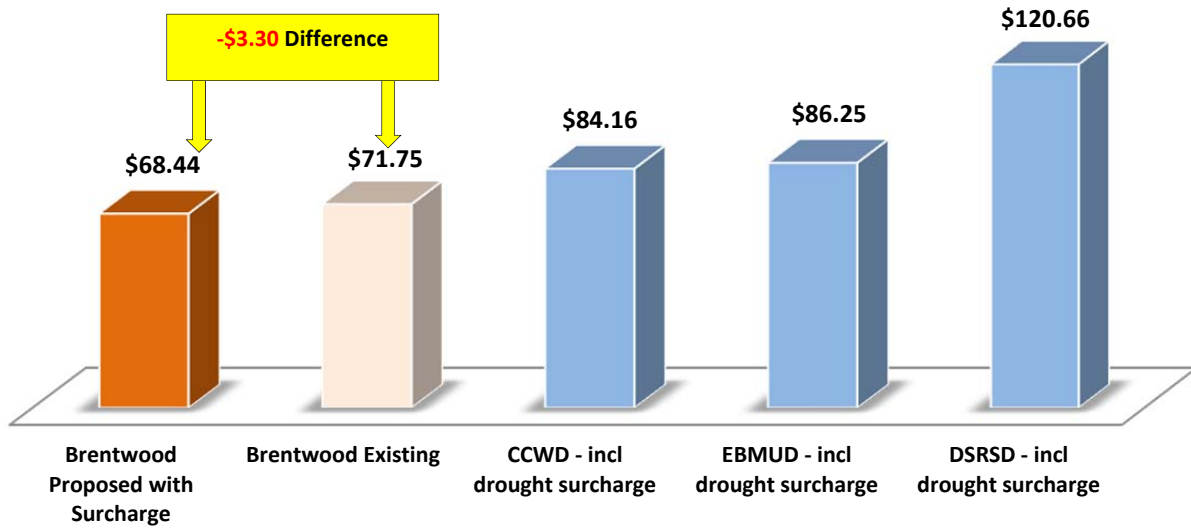
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	Current Bill	PROPOSED BILL PER MONTH			
	July 1, 2015	June 1, 2016	Difference	July 1, 2017	Difference
<b>Stage 2 – up to 20% conservation</b>					
Low – 4 Units	47.62 - 5 units	45.32	-2.30	49.42	4.10
Average – 9 Units	71.75 - 12 Units	74.55	2.80	81.30	6.75
High – 20 Units	126.17 – 25 Units	150.11	23.94	163.71	13.60
<b>Stage 3 – up to 35% conservation</b>					
Low – 3 Units	47.62 - 5 units	44.27	-3.35	48.27	4.00
Average – 7 Units	71.75 - 12 Units	68.45	-3.30	74.64	6.19
High – 16 Units	126.17 – 25 Units	135.91	9.74	148.21	12.30
<b>Stage 4 – up to 50% conservation</b>					
Low – 2 Units	47.62 - 5 units	42.52	-5.10	46.35	3.83
Average – 6 Units	71.75 - 12 Units	70.35	-1.40	76.71	6.36
High - 12 Units	126.17 – 25 Units	123.21	-2.96	134.35	11.14

#### Rate Comparisons with other agencies



**Average Residential Monthly Water Bill**  
**Proposed Rates with Stage III Drought Surcharge**



35% Reduction 7,000 Gal/Mo. Water Usage